

JUSTICE CRITICISES COURT FOR CONSIDERING DEMANDS OF PARTISAN ORGANIZATION

Carroll D. Wood Says Arkansas Supreme Court, in Ruling on New Antitrust Law, Should "Be Guided by Former Decisions Rather Than by Party Platforms or Executive Proclamation"—If Not, He Asserts, "We Must Impeach Them Either of Mental Imbecility or Something Worse."

DISSENTING OPINION TAKES SLAP AT GOVERNOR JEFF DAVIS.

REPUBLIC SPEECH.

Little Rock, Ark., July 16.—When the new antitrust State law was upheld by the majority of the Supreme Court yesterday, it was announced that Justice Carroll D. Wood and B. B. Battle dissent. The opinion of Justice Wood was made public today and elicits wide interest because of the reference it contains to the plank in the Democratic State platform last year demanding the enactment of the King antitrust bill with its extreme territorial clause.

In the campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor last year, Judge Wood was a candidate against Governor Jeff Davis and the antitrust question was an issue. Governor Davis declared that it meant to exclude life insurance companies from the State if they were members of a state or agreement to its rates anywhere on earth.

SHOULDN'T CONSIDER DEMANDS OF PARTISAN ORGANIZATION.

In the decision on this vital part of the new law yesterday, Justice Wood, in his dissenting opinion, took occasion to reply to that part of the opinion of the majority of the court which referred to the demands made by the last Democratic State convention on the legislature to pass the King Bill, and to execute proclamations to the same end, which were considered in order to arrive at the proper meaning of the act.

On this point Judge Wood said: "I do not agree that any consideration whatever should be given to the demands of a partisan organization in arriving at the proper meaning of this act. But if it transpires that the State must in kerfuffle with the clerical, independent and authority of this court had less regard to the legislature to see that, having the decision of this court before them, the former law was to be upheld and continued, rather than by the demands of any party platform or executive proclamation, if not, we must have something worse."

COURT SHOULD GO SLOW IN HEATED LEGISLATION.

It is the majority's intimation that legislation, in the unconstitutional and therefore void form upheld by the court, is in response to the demands of the dominant political organization in this State, as evidenced by the rapidity and definiteness with which it was passed by the General Assembly elected on the same day, and demands which were made by the chief executive elected on the same platform, that it is all the greater reason why this should be done.

The dissident judges say that the demands of the King Bill and the time-honored rules of construction which have been formulated by the ministers of state and the ages as well as the preservation of the sacred rights of liberty and property, will especially prevail in times of great emergency to save the people from the evil consequences of their own ignorance and folly, and oftentimes will design of selfish and unscrupulous politicians.

MAY ORGANIZE STOCK COMPANIES.

Representatives of the life insurance interests affected by the decisions will be endeavoring when the State comes to the leading business men of the country to appear that the direct result of the Supreme Court's decision will be the organization of several stock companies.

After exhausting every effort to gather information that would assist her in securing a monthly pension of \$10 from the United States Government, Mrs. Mary J. Gilliland, widow of Francis Marion Gilliland, a Union soldier throughout the Civil War, has resorted to newspaper advertising to accomplish what she has failed to do for more than four years.

Mrs. Gilliland is 60 years old. She lives at No. 2125 Morgan street. She is the third wife of Francis Marion Gilliland, and is endeavoring to learn something of the whereabouts of his first wife, from whom Gilliland was divorced, but who is believed to be dead by Mrs. Gilliland No. 2.

She has no positive proof of her demise, however. At the same time she is making an effort to secure proof of the death of her second wife, who, Mrs. Gilliland says, died about a few years before she was married.

Mrs. Gilliland has been unable to get a record of the death of the second Mrs. Gilliland. She has little or no information, she says, regarding the first wife, but from what she has learned she is inclined to believe that the first wife is dead.

Gilliland and his first wife, whose name is unknown to the third Mrs. Gilliland, were married near Cedar Hill, in 1868. A few years followed. His second wife, according to the third wife's story, was Mrs. Mary J. Reid of Louisville, Ky. The husband, she says, was First Lieutenant in Company B of the Fifteenth Kentucky Cavalry. Gilliland died at Pierce City, Mo., in 1901, when 70 years old.

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